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SUBJECT: BACKGROUND ON 1975 GOM-GIRM SAHARA ACCORD

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1. DURING AN AUGUST 5 CALL, MFA DIRECTOR OF AFRICA-ASIA DIVISION MOHAMED BISBIS DRAGGED UP STILL MORE HISTORY IN THE SAHARA SAGA. HIS COMMENTS ARE REPORTED HEREWITH FOR THE RECORD AND WITH MOROCCO'S NEW CALL (RABAT 4270) FOR ARAB LEAGUE DELIBERATION OF AREA TENSIONS IN MIND. THAT CALL IS BASED IN LARGE PART ON CHARGES OF ALGERIAN "RENEGING" ON BOUMEDIENE'S ALLEGED UNDERTAKINGS AT THE 1974 RABAT ARAB SUMMIT.

2. BISBIS SAID THAT THE DEFINITIVE MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN ACCORD ON THE SAHARA WAS REACHED DURING THE JUNE 11-12, 1975 VISIT TO RABAT OF PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH (REFTEL A). HE CLAIMED THAT ALGERIAN FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA, IN HIS SUBSEQUENT VISIT TO RABAT THE FOLLOWING JULY, AGREED TO THESE ACCORDS. WHEN ASKED WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE ALGERIANS THEREAFTER, BISBIS WOULD ONLY REFER TO "RUMORS" AT THE TIME THAT BOUMEDIENE HAD VETOED THE ACCORD WHICH BOUTEFLIKA HAD NEGOTIATED.

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3. COMMENT: WHILE MOST OF THIS IS REHASHING, BISBIS'
STATEMENT IS TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THE FIRST CONFIRMATION
OF THE DATE OF THE KEY GOM-GIRM ACCORD ON THE SAHARA.
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